

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 18 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 4 illustrates in greater detail the client-side cue handling mechanism 178 of FIG. 1 in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. The client-side cue handling mechanism 178 includes a cue determination module 410 for receiving packets (e.g., audio packets, video packets, and cue packets) and determining whether the packets are cue packets. The client-side cue handling mechanism 178 also includes a cue handling sub-system ~~240~~ 420 that is coupled to the cue determination module 410 for determining whether a cue packet requires some action or further processing. For example, if it is determined that a cue packet is important for some application, the information contained in the cue packet can be utilized by the cue handling sub-system 240 to perform some function. Information contained in the cue packet can be provided to an application 180 that uses cues.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 12 with the following paragraph:

If the data packet is a cue packet, then in step 550, a determination is made whether an action is required for the cue. If no action is required for the cue, then the processing ~~proceed~~ proceeds to step ~~500-540~~. If an action is required, then in step 560, an appropriate action is processed (e.g., an application is started, stopped, provided information, or otherwise modified). For example, a cue can be utilized to start an application, end an application, or instruct an ongoing application to continue processing. Examples of such applications are described in greater detail hereinafter.